

Press Release. Cuban Family Reunification Program

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The U.S. Interests Section in Havana is pleased to announce that on April 10, 2008, Chief of Mission Michael Parmly delivered the first official travel documents to an eligible Cuban family under the Cuban Family Reunification Program (CFRP) in a ceremony in the Interests Section. The CFRP is jointly administered by the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security through the US

Citizenship and Immigration Services. USCIS Field Office Director, and DHS representative, James McCament also attended the ceremony.

The CFRP offers beneficiaries of approved family-based immigrant visa petitions the opportunity to receive parole into the United States rather than remain in Cuba to apply for lawful permanent resident status. The purpose of the program is to expedite family reunification through safe, legal and orderly channels of migration to the United States and to discourage dangerous and irregular maritime migration. The CFRP dramatically reduces the waiting time for individuals or families eligible to immigrate to the United States. Approximately 12,000 immigrant visa petitioners have been notified that their family members are eligible for the CFRP and, to date, more than 5,000 of them have asked to participate in the program.

General information concerning this new Cuban parole program is available on the USCIS website, www.uscis.gov or by calling the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800)375-5238.